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Chiang: Red Rift Assures Invasion of China

With big news breaking in the Pacific area, the Journal-American has some of America's finest reporters at the scene. William Randolph Hearst Jr. and Bob Considine interviewed Premier Ikeda of Japan and Chiang

Kai-shek of Formosa. Frank Conniff was reporting from Viet Nam. In Kuala Lumpur, capital of Malaysia, Warren Rogers, will report on the freup that has followed formation of the new state.

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TAIPEI, Sept. 21.—President Chiang Kai-shek has replied sharply to Japanese Premier Hayato Ikeda's recently-expressed skepticism about his ability to lead a liberating force against China's Communist-controlled mainland.

The 76-year-old soldier-statesman, verbally assisted by the still-strikingly-handsome Madame Chiang, assured William Randolph Hearst Jr. that the split between Mao Tse-tung and Khrushchev enhanced the opportunities for a successful return of Nationalist forces to that teeming land of 700,000,000 people which lies scarcely 100 miles away.

The Generalissimo, his face as unwrinkled as his correctly-tailored tan uniform, said with ringing assurance that when his U. S. trained forces strike in strength, Khrushchev will not lift a finger to aid his Chinese counterpart.

He was hurt by the Japanese Premier's remarks, made to the Hearst Task Force earlier in the week.

Madame Chiang was somewhat angrier than her husband, who chuckled occasionally as he took his fellow anti-Communist Ikeda to task.

"To be subjective is part of the Japanese mentality," he said quietly through his interpreter as we sipped iced tea in a big airy reception room of his

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showed to his defeated people after the war. We returned kindness for brutality.

"Since the end of the war, with generous aid from the United States, Japan has staged a great economic success. Apparently that success has gone to their heads."

The Generalissimo took a sip of tea and cast his dark eyes at the lemon which bobbed in it.

"It's a pity you did not ask Mr. Ikeda two questions," he went on in what turned out to be a reprise.

"The first question might have been: where were you and what were you doing at the time of the Mukden incident. And the second question: wasn't it true your military boasted it would finish us in three weeks? Also, wasn't it the same Chiang Kai-shek who was leading the Chinese in that action?"

"That was a lesson Mr. Ikeda might have learned from history. But hasn't " learned.

Madame Chiang Enters Discussion

The Editor-in-Chief of the Hearst Newspapers interposed to say that Premier Ikeda had acknowledged that he was not overly informed

about conditions which might affect a Chiang Kai-shek comeback.

Madame Chiang, arresting in a Chinese-blue chi pad that fit snugly around her neck and was decorated with a sprinkling of pearls, spoke up:

"Mr. Ikeda especially should know about such things," she said evenly. "What right has he to be a prime minister if he is not informed?"

The Generalissimo wanted to get on with what he planned to do about Red China:

"We have acquired con-

siderable experience with our commando raids against the mainland. We will continue these strikes and even step them up."

He nodded when his wife observed that the raids had a damaging psychological affect on the Red government, and that mainland armies which now might be molesting Southeast Asia were kept busy chasing after Nationalist landing parties.

"I am often asked if Russia will intervene if we go back to the mainland," he continued. "There is an alliance, but it cannot be invoked, as I see it. It was formed in 1950 when both countries felt they needed closer military relations to guard against a possible militaristic rise in Japan.

Khrushchev Aid Only Lip Service

"Now I'm positive that Russia would look upon our return to the mainland as a domestic issue, not as an attack on an ally.

"Khrushchev has said, of course, that he would come

to Mao's aid if attacked. But whether he'd say that if there was a showdown is a different matter. So long as Mao is there Khrushchev won't help him," Gen. Chiang said, smiling broadly. "He will pay lip service perhaps, but that is all.

"The split is deep. It cannot be bridged so long as Mao rules. So long as Mao is alive and in power that represents a threat to Khrushchev's own position in the Communist world. That being the case, Khrushchev would do nothing to help him."

Gen. Chiang told the American editor that Nationalist China can make its way back to the mainland without the use of any foreign troops. But from America, which has contributed \$3.8 billion to the cause to date, he would like to receive aid of other kinds.

He listed his needs as moral support, material assistance and logistics help, more transport.

He would give no estimate as to when he might make his move, except a passing reference to the next few years.

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